



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of)
MATSUNAGA et al.)
Application Number: 10/009,363)
Filed: March 21, 2002)
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD)
FOR GENE EXAMINATION)
Attorney Docket No. NITT.0049)
Art Unit 1637
Examiner
Young J. Kim

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated February 10, 2005, in the above identified application, to which the period for response is set to expire on May 10, 2005. Please amend the above identified application as follows: